

Page 5, line 21 after "of" change "aluminium" to -- aluminum--

Page 6, line 10 after "activated" change "insitu" to -- *in situ* --
line 21 after "of" change "aluminium" to -- aluminum--

Page 7, line 5 after "undesira" insert --- (hyphen)

Page 8, line 16 after "of" change "aluminium" to -- aluminum--

Page 9, line 8 1 after "of" change "aluminium" to -- aluminum--

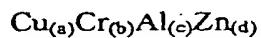
Page 10, line 3 after "period" change "(atleast)" to -- at least --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.

Claim 1 (twice amended)

A copper chromite catalyst having a final [the] molar composition



wherein $a = 10 - 40 \text{ mole \%}$

$b = 10 - 40 \text{ mole \%}$

$c = 10 - 30 \text{ mole \%}$

$d = 5 - 40 \text{ mole \%}$

and $a + b + c + d = 100$

and having an intermediate molar composition before calcination and reduction

of about Cu + Cr = 50 mol%, Zn = 20 mol% and Al = 30 mol%

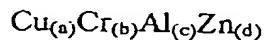
and having an XRD pattern as shown in table I

Table I: XRD analysis of the copper chromite catalyst

| θ | Intensity (%) |
|----------|---------------|
| 18 | 100 |
| 26.2 | 100 |
| 27.4 | 48 |
| 35.8 | 92 |
| 44.2 | 48 |
| 56.6 | 44 |

Claim 2 (twice amended)

A process for the preparation of a copper chromite catalyst having a final [the] molar composition



wherein $a = 10 - 40$ mole %

$b = 10 - 40$ mole %

$c = 1.0 - 30$ mole %

$d = 5 - 40$ mole %

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which comprises preparing an aqueous solution of a source of copper, a source of aluminium and a source of zinc, adding to this solution a solution containing a source of chromium, under stirring conditions to obtain a precipitate, separating the precipitate, drying the precipitate at a temperature ranging between 80 to 110°C, calcining the dried material in static air at a temperature ranging between 200 to 500°C for a period ranging between 2 to 5 hrs., to obtain the catalyst.